

NOTE

Deletion of *Paratriphleps pallida* (Reuter) from the United States Fauna
(Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Anthocoridae)

Brachysteles pallidus Reuter (1884) was described from St. Jean (St. John) and St. Thomas islands (now in the Virgin Islands). Uhler (1886) reported this species from "S.St." (Southern States) without detail. Uhler (1894a) cited this species from St. Vincent and from Grenada (1894b). Van Duzee (1917) repeated the citation of Uhler (1886) and reported *B. pallidus* from the "Southern States." Barber (1939) reported this species (as *Paratriphleps pallidus*) from Florida, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Herring (in Bachelier and Baranowski 1975) stated that the *Paratriphleps* from southern Florida was *Paratriphleps laeviusculus* Champion rather than *P. pallidus*, and reported that *P. pallidus* also occurs in South America, based on specimens from Peru in the U.S. National Museum. It appears that the range of *P. pallidus* extends from Jamaica through Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands to St. Vincent, Grenada, and into South America, at least to Peru. Henry (1988) reported *P. pallidus* from Florida and southern United States following Van Duzee (1917) and Barber (1939). Henry and Froeschner (1992) altered the specific name from *P. pallidus* to *P. pallida*, correcting its gender. Lattin (1999) referred to the clarification of the status of *P. laeviusculus* and *P. pallida* by Herring in Bachelier and Baranowski (1975).

Paratriphleps laeviusculus Champion (1900) was described from Panama, with an excellent illustration of the adult, and has been reported from Honduras (Drake and Harris 1926), Nicaragua (Carpentero et al. 1997), and introduced into Florida (Bachelier and Baranowski 1975). According to Herring (in Bachelier and Baranowski 1975), the records from Peru by Hambleton

(1944) and Wille (1951) should be referred to *P. pallida* (Reuter). Based upon the above evidence, *Paratriphleps pallida* (Reuter, 1884) is removed from the list of species of Anthocoridae from America north of Mexico.

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